THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Trade names of drugs and pharmaceuticals

1742. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of trade names among the drugs and pharmaceuticals in this country;

(b) whether it is a fact that large number on trade names are not warranted;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to introduce chemical names with a prefix of the concerned pharmaceutical company; and

(d) if so, what is the progress made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Seniority list of senior Investigators

1743. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seniority list of Senior Investigators in the Central Statistical Organisation, Department Statistics has been brought out and up dated after the time bound decision of the Central Administrative Tribunal in the case of Shri Dina Nath and others V/s Union of India:

(b) whether the regularisation of the similarly placed Senior Investigators working on ad-hoc basis for more than 10 years has been completed; and

(c) if not, the time required to regularise such Senior Investigators?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Government have already assigned appropriate seniority to the applicants and interveners in compliance with the decision of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT).

(b) There was no direction from the CAT regarding similarly placed Senior Investigators.

(c) Does not arise.

Declaration of Baba Saheb Ambedkar's birthday as a National Holiday

1744. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare the 14th April the birthday of Baba Saheb Ambedkar as a National holiday; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Permission to Central Government employees to practice homoeopathy

1745. SHRI KAMALENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government employees, registered as Homoeopathic Medical Practitioners, are allowed to practice Homoeopathy beyond office hour on charitable grounds, without detriment to the official duties;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such permission is not granted to the persons registered in any State/Union Territory other than that in which their offices are situated; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to rectify the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Permission to practice medicine in any system on charitable basis is granted under the Conduct Rules if the Government servant concerned is having recognised qualification in that system and fulfils all conditions to practice medicine under the relevant law in force in the State/Union Territory where he intends to practice.

Manufacture of banned drugs in India

1746. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in our country many drugs are still being used and manufactured by Pharmaceutical Companies, which are banned in other countries stating the reasons for their withdrawal;

(b) whether Government have drawn up a list of such drugs and their manufacturers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if no steps are being taken, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) Information regarding the withdrawal of certain drugs by some countries from their markets is received by the Ministry of Health mainly through W.H.O. The W.H.O. have so far reported withdrawal of 44 drugs by certain countries. Out of the 44drugs 26 drugs were not at all approved for marketing in India and action to withdraw 11 drugs from the Indian market had already been taken in consultations with experts.

In respect of the remaining 7 drugs, it may be stated that though these 7 drugs are banned in some countries yet these are still being marketed in a number of developed countries. In consultation with the medical experts a decision was taken to permit the marketing of these drugs in the country subject to a cautionary statement and contra-indications being given on the lable/package insert.

Names of these seven drugs together with their prominent manufacturers and the reasons for withdrawal in other countries is annexed. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 85].

Recognition of fifth Medical College in Trichur, Kerala

1747. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of giving approval to the fifth Medical College in Trichur in Kerala has been pending for want of clearance from the Medical Council of India; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to expedite the said approval, in view the difficulties being faced in getting registration by the M.B.B.S. students who passed out in 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Medical Council of India has reported that inspection of the facilities for teaching available at the Medical College in Trichur in Kerala was carried out by the Council in September, 1986. The inspection report was considered by the Executive Committee of the Council at its meeting held on the 17th March, 1989. The matter was placed before the Council at its meeting held on the 27th April, 1989. The decision of the Council is awaited.

Utilisation of Family Welfare Programme Award Money

1748. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prescribed certain guidelines for the utilization of Family Welfare Programme Award (Prize) Money being given to States;